

REMARKS

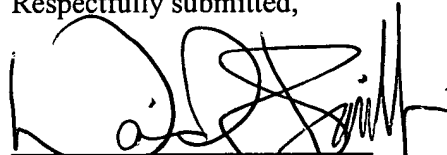
Claims 1 through 15 have been allowed. Claims 17 through 21 have been objected to and claim 16 has been rejected. Claims 1 and 16 are in independent form.

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 4,393,716 in view of United States Patent 4,603,588. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 17, which has been stated by the Examiner as to be an allowable combination of elements. In particular, claim 16 has been amended to include an access orientation notch for receiving the locator pin therein to orient the clamping fixture assembly with the tower to allow access via the access opening. Therefore, claim 16, and all claims depending therefrom, overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 103(a) and are in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that, upon the acceptance of this proposed amendment to claim 16, this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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